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LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK PRESENTS

“EXPLORING LOWELL WITH CHILDREN”

(Lowell, MA) Lowell National Historical Park presents *free* children's programs on Saturdays at 2:30 PM, (except for March 16, 2002, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM). All activities are free. Call (978) 970-5000 (978-970-5002 TDD only) to make your reservation.

Reading Ranger

Children of all ages are welcome to join a Park Ranger for story time! Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market Street. 30 minutes.

November 24, 2001	City of Lights Celebration: Hurray, the holidays are here!
December 29, 2001	Spinning Yarns & Weaving Tales: Making cloth can be quite a story.
January 26, 2002	Winter Tales: Stay warm with a good book on a snowy day.
February 23, 2002	Black History Month: Enjoy tales from the African American tradition.
March 30, 2002	Women's History Month: “Girl power” comes to life in stories.
April 20, 2002	Welcome Spring! Wake up the earth with a good book.

Hands-on Activities

Students age 8 and up are invited to participate in active educational programs. Co-sponsored by the Tsongas Industrial History Center. 90 minutes. *These programs are not appropriate for children under the age of 8.*

November 17, 2001 - Weaving Fun

Enjoy a hands-and-feet-on experience; weave a sampler of different patterns on a four-harness loom. Activity meets at Boott Cotton Mill Museum orientation desk, 400 Foot of John Street. Limit 15 students.

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ADD ONE *Exploring Lowell With Children*

December 15, 2001 - Mill City Printworks

Get your training, experience a speed-up, a stretch-out, and decide to strike or not to strike as workers on an assembly line. Activity meets at Boott Cotton Mill Museum orientation desk, 400 Foot of John Street. Limit 32 students.

December 22, 2001 - Mill Girls' Letters

Pretend to be a "mill girl" writing home about your new life in Lowell. Activity meets in the Working People Exhibit, 40 French Street.

January 12, 2002 - Be an Inventor

Design, build, and patent your own invention. Activity meets at Boott Cotton Mill Museum orientation desk, 400 Foot of John Street. Limit 32 students.

February 2, 2002 - Fuzzy Flakes

Stop by Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center during Winterfest and make a snowflake that won't melt when you take it home. Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market Street.

February 16, 2002 - Weaving Fun

See November 17 for description. Activity meets at Boott Cotton Mill Museum orientation desk, 400 Foot of John Street. Limit 15 students.

February 16-23, 2002 - Kids' Week

A fun-filled week of activities, games, and more!

March 16, 2002 - Kids Take the Lead

Join us for an all-out open house at the Tsongas Industrial History Center. Show your parents and friends how to weave, build a canal, go on strike, and unpack immigrant luggage. Tsongas Industrial History Center, 400 Foot of John Street. **10:00 AM- 2:00 PM**

April 13, 2002 - Mill City Printworks

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April 13-20, 2002 - Kids' Week

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